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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION: CANDIDATES
FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES

1. IT SEEMS INCREASINGLY LIKELY THAT THIRTY-THIRD SESSION
OF ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL, CURRENTLY MEETING IN GENEVA,
WILL PROPOSE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER 1982 AS DATE FOR NEXT PLENI-
POTENTIARY CONFERENCE. ON THIS OCCASION NEW INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION CONVENTION IS TO BE ADOPTED AND NEW
ITU OFFICERS ELECTED. MISSION WILL REPORT DEVELOPMENTS
REGARDING CANDIDATES FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES AS IT LEARNS
OF THEM.

2. SUBJECT OF CANDIDATES FOR OFFICES OF SECRETARY GENERAL
(SYG) AND DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL (DSYG) OF INTERNATIONAL
TELECOMMUNICATION UNION CAME UP IN CONVERSATION WITH L.M.
BURTZ (FRANCE), CHAIRMAN OF THE CCITT, A PERMANENT ORGAN
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OF THE ITU DEALING WITH TECHNICAL STANDARDS FOR TELEGRAPH
AND TELEPHONE COMMUNICATION; AND WITH GABRIEL WARREN,
DIRECTOR GENERAL, INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS, DEPART-
MENT OF COMMUNICATIONS, OTTAWA. WARREN IS CANADIAN
REPRESENTATIVE ON ITU ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL.

3. BURTZ BROUGHT UP SUBJECT, ADVANCING IDEA THAT WESTERN,

MANAGEMENT-ORIENTED SECRETARY GENERAL IS NEEDED AND MORE-OVER COULD BE ELECTED GIVEN ADEQUATE ADVANCE PREPARATION, LOBBYING WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (AND, BY IMPLICATION, UNIFIED DEVELOPED COUNTRY STANCE).

4. BURTZ NAMED CANADA AND SWEDEN AS DESIRABLE SOURCES FOR CANDIDATES FOR SYG SLOT, WHEREUPON WARREN DISPLAYED DISCOMFORT AT EVEN DISCUSSING MATTER AS FAR AS CANADA WAS CONCERNED LEST WORD GET AROUND IT WAS PUSHING CANADIAN CANDIDATE.

5. WARREN SAID CANADA HAD NOT EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT ADVANCING OWN CANDIDATE FOR POST, THEN LET CAT OUT OF BAG WITH COMMENT THAT ANY CANADIAN CANDIDATE WOULD HAVE TO BE FRANCOPHONE. HE LATER REMARKED THAT THERE WERE TWO POSSIBILITIES, BOTH FRANCOPHONE, MORE ATTRACTIVE OF WHOM WAS HEAD OF TELEGLOBE CANADA (J.C. DELORME) BUT QUESTIONED WHETHER HE WOULD BE PREPARED TO LEAVE MONTREAL FOR GENEVA. OTHER POSSIBLE CANADIAN WAS DE MONTIGNY MARCHAND, DEPUTY MINISTER, DEPT OF COMMUNICATIONS, OTTAWA.

6. SWEDISH CANDIDATE BURTZ HAD IN MIND WAS LARSSON.

7. BURTZ CLAIMED LARSSON AND BOTH CANADIAN CANDIDATES HAD MADE IT KNOWN THEY WERE AVAILABLE TO BE DRAFTED.

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8. BENIN WAS NAMED AS SOURCE FOR DEPSEC GEN CANDIDATE.

9. COMMENT:

A. STATEMENTS BY BURTZ NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF HIS CONSIDERABLE POLITICAL NAIVETE. HE BELIEVES THAT DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WILL STAND STILL FOR REVERSAL OF PRESENT MIX WHEREBY SYG (MOHAMED MILI/TUNISIA) COMES FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRY AND DSYG (RICHARD E. BUTLER/AUSTRALIA) COMES FROM DEVELOPED COUNTRY. HE ALSO CLAIMS LANGUAGE (FRANCOPHONE VS. ANGLOPHONE) IS NOT A CONSIDERATION FOR FRANCE.

B. WE THINK WARREN PROTESTED TOO MUCH RE CANADIAN INTENTIONS. HE DID APPEAR SERIOUS WHEN HE SAID CANADA WOULD NOT PUSH CANADIAN CANDIDATE IF MILI WERE TO SEEK REELECTION.

C. BENIN HAS OBVIOUS ATTRACTION AS TRADITIONAL FURNISHER OF HIGH-LEVEL CIVIL SERVANTS AND AS BALANCE, PARTICULARLY VIS-A-VIS SWEDISH CANDIDATE (DEVELOPED/DEVELOPING, NORTH/SOUTH, AS WELL AS ANGLOPHONE/FRANCOPHONE).

WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER ANY PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL IS UNDER
CONSIDERATION.

D. OF ALL COUNCIL MEMBERS AT PRESENT SESSION, T.V.
SRIRANGAN OF INDIA APPEARS MOST ATTRACTIVE OF POSSIBLE LDC
CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED SYG MILI. HOWEVER, IT APPEARS TO
US THAT SRIRANGAN, WHO IS EXTREMELY BRIGHT, CLEVER AND
ARTICULATE, IS INCREASINGLY BEING REGARDED BY AFRICANS
AS TOO EAGER TO COMPROMISE WITH MAJOR CONTRIBUTORS AND
NOT A VIGOROUS ENOUGH EXPONENT OF LDC POSITIONS.
VANDEN HEUVEL

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